



Memphis and Shelby County Office of Sustainability

A GOLD Sustainable Community

May 2015 Sustainability Events

The Memphis-Shelby County Office of Sustainability would like you to be aware of these upcoming events. Be sure to follow us on facebook and view our calendar www.sustainablesbelby.com/calendar for additional items.

Memphis Recycling: If you live in the City of Memphis and want to upgrade your home recycling bin to a 95-gallon rolling cart then email your name and address to Joyce.Williams@memphistn.gov in Memphis Public Works.



Housing Public Review – (by May 8). Shelby County Department of Housing has released a draft of their Annual Plan for the use of CDBG and HOME grant funds during the next fiscal year. Copies are available online here (<http://bit.ly/1yo0Db4>). If you have any comments, please email those to jim.vazquez@shelbycountyttn.gov by May 8, 2015.

Stormwater Public Meeting – (May 28, 5:30pm). Join the City of Memphis Stormwater Department at Bass Pro for their semi-annual public meeting. <http://bit.ly/1Eu6pZF>



Faith-in-Action CleanUp Report: Last week Memphis City Beautiful hosted a series of clean-ups around the city with over 17,000 volunteers! Great job!

Zero Landfill Memphis Report: By offering items from the interior design and architecture community to crafters and teachers, 13,350 pounds of materials were upcycled and avoided the landfill.



A Celebration of Forgotten Objects: Recycled Design – (April 29, 5:30pm) Campus School students will join the first year University of Memphis design students in exploring the importance of sustainable design through upcycling the plastic bottle. This ceremony will provide a platform for the student work and community partnership efforts to be on public display. Open to all. <http://bit.ly/1Euqbo5>

Volunteer Day at Shelby Farms – (May 2, 9am-12). Help keep the park beautiful! www.shelbyfarmspark.org/volunteer

Cleanup: Greenbelt Park on Mud Island – (May 2, 10-12). Brand new clean up partnership of Memphis River Warriors and 1Mississippi. <http://bit.ly/1za3vmT>

TDEC Sustainable Transportation Awards & Forum - (May 7, 9am-3pm). TDEC will host a recognition ceremony and sustainable transportation forum to recognize outstanding and voluntary achievements in advancing sustainable transportation in the state. <http://bit.ly/1Bp4qiR>



Greenline Garden workshops (kids) – (May 9, 10am \$5). Shelby Farms Park Conservancy and Master Gardeners team up for a workshop series each month for kids grades 1-6. Other workshops are: June 13 & July 11. <http://bit.ly/1Cn9BXu>

Sustainable Schools (May 15, 11:45) Join CleanMemphis at the Botanic Garden for an event celebrating the Sustainable Schools who took the challenge this year during the pilot phase. <http://bit.ly/1bLyxwo>



Harahan Bridge Walk with Jimmy Ogle – (May 17, 2pm). Free. Hear from Historian Jimmy Ogle as he takes you on a fascinating history while walking across the bridge that will soon become a bike trail. Details here: <http://bit.ly/18xhMmv>



Family Fun Hike at Shelby Farms – (May 17, 2pm). Free. Led by Shelby Farms Park Interpretive Docent. Educational for all ages. <http://bit.ly/1Os0F5x>

MLGW ribbon cutting – (May 18, 10am). Join MLGW at the ribbon cutting for their new CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) filling station at 3071 S Center Rd. <http://bit.ly/1Dj4xyz>

Memphis Green Drinks - (May 19, 6:30pm). This month's guest speaker will be Bobbi Wells from FedEx Express who will provide an update on their "Fuel Sense" program that saved 334 million gallons of jet fuel since 2007. This month's venue is Bar DKDC (964 S. Cooper) www.greendrinks.org/tn/Memphis

Woodland Discovery Summer Camps – (May 25-29). Prices vary. Get your children engaged in fun activities for nature camp, adventure camp, or equestrian camp. www.shelbyfarmspark.org/camps

Tour of Parks with Jimmy Ogle – (May 31, 2pm). Free. Walking tour of parks along the Memphis riverfront. This month is a tour of Martyrs Park to Ashburn-Coppock Park. <http://bit.ly/1yon7c8>



In the News...

Did you see the editorial series in the Memphis Daily News about sustainability?

[Sustainability Means Opportunity for Shelby County](#) (Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.)

[Memphis Aims to Expand Recycling Efforts](#) (Mayor A C Wharton, Jr.)

[The Business Case for Sustainability](#) (Mary Singer)

[STARs Align for Sustainability In Memphis and Shelby County](#) (John Zeanah)

[Memphis Clean by 2019](#) (Spence Wilson) [To appear in this week's paper]

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